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### Westlaw TWEN Instapoll

Instapoll is part of every TWEN site. Setting up a poll is quite simple. TWEN also includes features for creating polls for students to answer outside of class.



#### Getting Started:

1. Go to the front page of your TWEN site.
2. Click the Instapoll icon.
3. Tell students to login to TWEN site & click Instapoll.
4. Ask your question to the class and tell them what each answer represents.

#### Results:

- Click “View results” to see the results
- Click “Release results” to let the students see the results themselves

The “View results” page offers a few more options:

- *Refresh*: Update the results
- *Go to pie chart*: See results as a pie chart
- *Voting status*: See # students who voted
- *Home*: Back to the question screen

Click “New poll” to start again.

Pros	Cons
Easy to use	Requires a TWEN site
Tracks number of participants who have not voted	Students need TWEN logins
View as bar or pie chart	Limited options/questions

### CALI Instapoll

<http://www2.cali.org/instapoll/>

One of the simplest tools available for creating online polls.



#### Getting Started:

1. Click “Create a poll.”
2. Note the number at the top of the page.
3. Tell students to go to the CALI Instapoll site and use the poll number to join your poll.
4. Ask your question to the class and tell them what each answer represents.
5. Results appear automatically on the screen.

Click “Reset” to start again.

Pros	Cons
Even easier to use	Does not work on iPads
Does not require a login	Limited options/questions

### **Poll Everywhere**

<http://www.polleverywhere.com>

A powerful online polling system. Questions can be multiple choice or free text. Students can respond by web browser, text message, or Twitter.



#### **Getting started:**

1. Sign up for an account. When you sign up, you can check the box for an education account.
2. Login to the site and click “My Polls” in the upper right.
3. Click “Create New Poll” (upper left).
4. Choose a poll type: the “goal poll” is used for sales):
  - a. *Multiple choice*
    - i. Type your question
    - ii. Type your answers
    - iii. Click “Save new poll”
  - b. *Free text*
    - i. Type your question
    - ii. Click “Save new poll”
5. All poll types:
  - a. Poll Everywhere will display instructions for responding by text and by web browser.
    - i. Click “Ways People Can Respond” to add a Twitter option.
  - b. Responses will appear on the screen.

#### **Options:**

- Set the number of times students can respond with a number or “as much as they like.”
- Download the poll to a PowerPoint slide.
- Share the poll in email or on a website. Polls can also be embedded into a Prezi.

Pros	Cons
Offers many features and options	Free account is limited – only 40 students can respond; paid accounts are expensive or shift the burden to students.
Students can respond with their cell phones or iPads	Requires a login
Can use polls in class or add polls to a course website	Not as easy to use as the Instapolls website